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A message for faith leaders from the OFBCI

Dear Hoosier faith leader,

The devastating tornados that ripped across southern Indiana on Friday caused death, injury and destruction to hundreds of Hoosier families. Our thoughts remain with those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, those who were injured, and the hundreds of families and their communities that have endured the loss of homes, belongings, and basic infrastructure.

As a faith leader, you may have a structured protocol on ways to help that you plan to share with your congregants in the coming days and weeks. In the event that your tradition allows, the state of Indiana, through the Joint Information Center (JIC), has asked that cash donations be directed to the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis in support of the victims of this disaster. The ARCGI works closely with local Red Cross chapters all across the state.

Cash donations give the greatest flexibility to meet immediate needs. Because we remain in the early stages of response, the JIC requests that Hoosiers refrain from making donations of food, clothing, toys, furniture, and other necessities. There will be ample opportunity during the recovery phase for individuals and groups to donate these much-needed items.

The following link will direct you to a PowerPoint slide that contains appropriate information which you may share with your congregants as you see fit: [Single slide Powerpoint with disaster donation information](#)

As we move from response to recovery, I will be in touch with you with more information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact OFBCI staff:

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INFORMATION REGARDING CASH DONATIONS

To contribute, go to www.redcross.org, call (800) RED CROSS (800-733-2767), or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

Contributions may also be sent to local Red Cross chapters.